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1. This is the fifth of a series of reports dealing with the project wherein source will attempt a comprehensive survey of all dissident Slav elements in Berlin. Previous reports include BSC/ Ops/003 dated 2 December, Report No. 626/MGB-911 dated 3 December, Report No. 633, MGB-919 dated 17 December, and Report No. 634, MGB-920, dated 17 December 1946.

2. Russian Emigrant Military Organizations:

a. The group of emigrant Russian military organizations which were formerly found in Berlin have disappeared without trace. Of the "ORWS" (Organisation der russischen Militaer-Verbaende, the organization of Russian Military Groups), the associate chairman, the 76-year old General GRATSKEV, was arrested in 1945 and transported to Siberia. In February 1946 he was still alive, in Wologodskaja Gouw, Dorf-Totma. Also transported to Russia were the former Major of the Imperial Guard BAGGE AF BOO, and Baron KAULBARS.

b. Of those old Russian officers still remaining in Berlin, Rittmeister LITVINOV and his daughter have become informants for the Russians. Reserve officer RAKITIN is also said to fall into this classification.

c. Individually, the rest of the former Russian officers who are still in Berlin have been terrorized by the Russians and are not interesting from the political point of view.

3. Russian Youth in Berlin: There are, at the moment, no organized Russian youth in Berlin. The general picture is depressing; almost all the young Russians have become black marketeers.

a. Some of the former members of "NQRW" (National Organisation der russischen Jugend) have become informants for the Russians. Among them is one Nikolaus BISCHOW, German nationality, German colonist from Siberia.

b. One of the more interesting possibilities among Russian youth is Julius JESSERICH (cf Report No. 634, MGB-920, dated 17 December 1946). Although he, too, is a black marketeer, he has interesting connections and knows the entire Russian emigre colony in Berlin, and Kurfuerstendamm circles. JESSERICH drew source's attention to the following targets:

(1) The fashion salon of Princess KHAPOTKIN, Kurfuerstendamm, frequented by Russian clients. JESSERICH knows the Princess' son, whose activities are not quite clear; however, he does seem to be in contact with the British.

(2) The apartment of Frau SCHEMITSCHUSCHNIKOW, near Fehrbellinerplatz. The husband was a former Russian officer, who has been kidnapped by the Russians. At present the apartment is the meeting place of many Russian emigres. It is assumed that Soviet agents also put in an appearance there.

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(3) KAMINSKI's antique shop at Potsdamer Platz. JESSERICH is convinced KAMINSKI is a Russian agent. (NOTE: this shop was formerly located at Teltower Damm, Zehlendorf. On one occasion KAMINSKY was arrested by American Public Safety; four hours later General SIDNEV protested the arrest to Colonel HOWLEY and demanded KAMINSKI's immediate release.)

(4) The Russian postess VON SNESSAREP-KASAKOFF, who was formerly in contact with the military unit "Gallipoli" in Prague.

ced c. Also interesting in Russian youth circles is one Gudrun HOLL, aged 23, who formerly lived at Anhalterstrasse 3. HOLL was previously secretary to the Cossack General Semjen KRASSNOW. She is Russian by birth, but has German citizenship. During the war she worked against the Russians. In 1945 she was in contact with the French agent BENTSCH, for whom she had intended to continue to work. However, BENTSCH has not subsequently been in Berlin.

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